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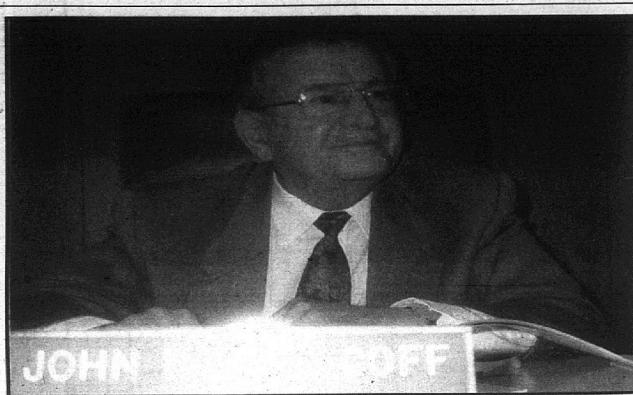
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Madison Mayor John Bellcoff presides over a recent City Council meeting.

(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Mayor Bellcoff to retire

Long career nears end

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

When Madison Mayor John Bellcoff retires next year, he will mark 50 years of community service.

Bellcoff, 73, has brushed elbows with Bill Clinton, John F. Kennedy, Hubert Humphrey and contributed to the success of public and private endeavors, not only in Madison, but in the entire region.

"John has significant influence to assist with state government to help in the areas I deal with," said Tom Ellerman, president of St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

For example, when the federal government recently considered slashing funding for

Profile

enforcement groups — undercover drug investigation agencies — Bellcoff first wrote Attorney General Janet Reno and then President Bill Clinton.

Skip Bennett, director of the Southwestern Illinois Regional Economic Development Committee, is convinced Bellcoff's input was a significant factor in getting continued funding for the enforcement groups.

But the former chairman of the Madison (See BELLCOFF, Page 10A)

Leonard leaving Granite City Steel

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

Ken Leonard, who has seen a lot of progress at Granite City Steel in the past couple of years, is leaving.

Leonard, vice president and general manager at the plant, announced his resignation Tuesday to take on a job in New Jersey.

Leonard's resignation takes effect May 1, when he will move to New Jersey Steel Corp. to become president and CEO.

"This was just a good opportunity for him at this point in his life," said Bob Maxwell, manager for public

relations at Granite City Steel, who emphasized that the move was Leonard's choice.

"I want to make it clear that this was not a forced move," Maxwell said.

Leonard's family has not named a successor.

When Leonard took over the reins at Granite City Steel in 1993, National Steel Corp., its parent company, was bleeding in red ink. There was much discussion about closing down all finishing operations at the Granite City Division.

Under Leonard, Leonard helped oversee the design and construction of a \$67 million galvanizing operation, resulting in about 40 new jobs



Ken Leonard

and saving more than 300 more finishing jobs.

Leonard began his National Steel career in 1988 as an assistant engineering manager at company headquarters. A year later, he was promoted to project manager-major projects.

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Truck route plan meets opposition

19th Street designation considered

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

The owners of several businesses in downtown Granite City's Upper West side are active in plans to change the city's truck route.

The City Council's Traffic and Lights Committee is considering a change that would send tractor-trailer trucks loaded with steel coils down 19th Street.

"It will us out of business," said Judy Stille, owner of the Tops 'N' Bottoms women's wear store at 1343 19th Street. "This will kill downtown. Absolutely. This is really dumb."

Other businesses along 19th Street include John's Pawn Shop and Jewelry, Kenny's Home Furnishings, Granny's Corner resale shop, Cardin's Carpets and Interiors, National Auto Supply and Olde Town Cafe (formerly known as the Pit Stop Cafe).

A former City Hall, restored as a firehouse

museum, is also located on 19th Street, as is the former Woolworth store, scheduled for demolition to become a park-and-ride lot for the Madison County Transit District.

The proposed change is being considered by lead contractor and developer on 16th Street. That road, currently the main route for trucks entering and exiting Granite City Steel's north plant, badly needs repairs — some potholes are as big as two feet deep and five feet in diameter.

Last year, Gov. Jim Edgar pledged more than \$750,000 in state funds to help repair 16th Street. But lead contamination on the road must be removed before any improvements can be made. Removal of the contamination could cost anywhere from \$400,000 to \$1.6 million, making the improvement financially unfeasible.

Representatives of the Illinois Department of (See PLAN, Page 10A)

Postal Service removes 12 mailboxes in Madison

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison residents wanting to put something in the corner mailbox will have to find another corner.

Because of low use, the U.S. Postal Service recently pulled a dozen collection boxes from the city.

The move sparked a few protests, including some calls to U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello.

Brian Lott, a spokesman for Costello, said

the matter is being investigated.

Postal officials said the boxes were removed because they were not being used.

"If there isn't 25 pieces per day, we have the right to have the boxes pulled," Madison Postmaster Carolyn Wilson said. "The mail volume is down there."

Wilson said the Postal Service did a two-week survey and found none of the boxes were being used. Several years ago, a similar survey resulted in boxes being removed.

(See BOXES, Page 10A)

Man charged in child's beating

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

A 39-year-old Indiana man police described as a drifter was charged with two felonies Thursday for allegedly stomping the face of an 11-year-old boy who says he saw the man stand over him and stomp him days earlier.

David A. Phillips, of Clayton, D.C., was charged with one count of aggravated battery to a child and one count of aggravated battery.

The second charge stems from Phillips allegedly striking a police detective during an investigation.

The total on the warrants totals \$130,000. He was arrested at about 8 p.m. Wednesday and is currently in the Madison County Jail.

The 11-year-old victim and

two other boys told police they were playing in the alley in the 1900 block of Edison Avenue

when Phillips approached and started beating on the victim, who then ran and stomped on the boy's face.

The boy suffered orbital fracture and other

facial injuries and was taken by ambulance to a St. Louis hospital for treatment.

The boy said he had seen Phillips steal cigars from the 7-Eleven store downtown about three days prior to the beating. They said Phillips promised to give them each \$2 if they

(See BEATING, Page 10A)

Heroic

Two capture alleged thief

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

Two men who were working outside in the downtown area helped capture an alleged purse snatcher Wednesday morning.

Kelly Revelle, of Granite City, and Gary Darden of O'Fallon, both employees of McFarland, Heating and Cooling, captured Rodney W. Rich Wednesday after he held him until police arrived.

Rich, 21, of the 1300 block of 21st Street, was arrested at 11:25 a.m. Wednesday and charged with theft from a person, a Class A violation, in a warrant issued Thursday.

Bond on the warrant is \$25,000.

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDK NewsChannel 5

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They're off — Participants in the 1.3-mile run in the Granite City Run/Walk for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society start their lap of Wilson Park. There were 132 participants in the event last Sunday; they raised more than \$500 with the help of the sponsors, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Granite City High School Varsity Club, Pearl Vision, Edelen's Garage Door Center, McFarland Heating and Cooling, Jerry's Cafeteria and Perri Cafeteria. More photos on Page 2A.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)



For a cause — Participants in the Granite City Run/Walk for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society raised more than \$500. Above, runners of all ages participated in the event. Above right, Robert Lampitt, center, was the men's winner for the 1.3-mile run after getting off to an early lead. At right, some of those participating in the walking event finish their lap of Wilson Park.

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Pontoon OKs transfer

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Pontoon Beach Village Board has given Treasurer Lou Whitsell authority to pay back a \$30,000 loan to the general fund from the village's tourism fund, and re-borrow money the next day.

The transfer is necessary because loans from one village fund to another must be repaid by the end of the fiscal year on April 30.

However, the general fund — which pays for most of the village's day-to-day expenses — is so low the village must re-borrow the money. Discussion centered on the tourism fund and the village's spending account, which includes money seized by the state in drug raids.

Whitsell said the general fund was at \$21,748.63 as of April 24.

He said the village may receive money from Illinois Power by the end of the month but payroll and bills that must be paid will amount to about \$21,000.

Whitsell also told the board that it may have to repay the Motor Fuel Tax Fund approximately \$18,000 from the general fund that was either not deposited correctly or credited to the wrong account.

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Driver attacked her, woman says

An 18-year-old Edwardsville woman says a cab driver burned her with a cigarette, tried to take her blouse and held her ripped her blouse and held her in his taxi against her will early Sunday morning in Granite City.

The victim, a former Granite City resident, told police she hailed a taxi cab to get a ride from Laclede's Landing in St. Louis to her home at about 2 a.m.

The cab was headed toward Illinois via the Poplar Street Bridge when the cab driver told the victim her \$22 would not cover the fare to Edwardsville, according to police.

The driver told the victim that amount of money could get her to Granite City. Because the victim had friends in Granite City, she told the driver to take her there.

But when the cab arrived at

the intersection of Leonard and Buxton avenues, the driver informed the victim that \$22 was not enough and suggested she give him a gold bracelet she was wearing.

When the victim refused, the driver allegedly yanked her by the hair, hit her in the burning end of a cigarette against her cheek, tried to grab the bracelet and burned her forearm in an attempt to get her to give it up, the victim stated.

The driver also allegedly hit the teen in the forehead with his fist and ripped the buttons off her blouse when she tried to escape the car, the report states.

The victim ran to a friend's house nearby and called police after escaping the vehicle.

Assistant Police Chief Kip Pomeroy of the Granite City police department said the incident is under investigation.

2nd person says lawyer took funds

By Bob Slat
Staff writer

A second person has come forward and alleged that former Granite City lawyer stole the proceeds of a lawsuit settlement.

Last week, a Chesterfield, Mo., woman told Granite City police that a lawyer formerly employed in the office in Granite City but now suspended from practice by the Illinois Supreme Court kept \$4,250 to which she was entitled as the result of a lawsuit.

Police are investigating the allegation, the second of its kind against the attorney within a week.

The woman said she decided to report the allegedly stolen funds after reading of a similar case in the newspaper last week.

Police are also investigating

an allegation by Wallace Hopkins, 49, of Glen Carbon, who has said that the lawyer failed to pay his medical bills or disburse his share of the proceeds of a lawsuit settlement. Hopkins told police he endorsed a check for \$25,000 and turned it over to the attorney in August 1993, but he is still receiving bills from doctors and collection agencies to pay his medical bills.

The retainer agreement between Hopkins and the attorney called for the lawyer to pay about \$10,000 in medical bills, keep 25 percent of the settlement and distribute the remainder to Hopkins, according to a police report.

Hopkins said he has not received any funds and that he has been unable to find his former attorney.

Man is injured in escape attempt

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Three juveniles were also arrested during the incident.

According to police reports, at approximately 12:15 a.m. police spotted Pointer and a juvenile walking in the 200 block of Broadway.

After stopping the two, police warned Pointer — who appeared to be preparing to flee — not to run or the police dog would be sent after him.

When Pointer fled, the police dog captured him. While struggling with the dog, Pointer lost

several packages containing what police believe to be marijuana and crack cocaine.

During the struggle, packets containing what tests showed to be marijuana and crack cocaine fell out of his pockets.

He was charged with robbery with two misdemeanor felonies.

Also on Wednesday, a Madison County judge issued a warrant for Pointer's arrest after he failed to appear on an earlier drug charge.

The juvenile with him was charged with a curve violation and disturbing the peace, and was later released.

Two female juveniles who taunted police during Pointer's arrest were also taken into custody.

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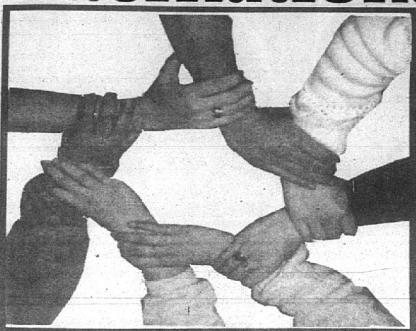
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Festival donates flags and poles
By Patrick Mullen

Sixteen flag poles have been erected in Civic Park in downtown Granite City. The flags that will be flown on these poles depict the different nationalities of the immigrants who settled in the area.

The flags will be flown in good weather, year round.

These poles and flags are this year's gift from the International Festival. Similar beautification projects will be given to the city each year that the International Festival is held.

International Festival holds a golf tournament at Legacy

By Lisa Dillard

The International Festival Celebrity Golf Tournament will be held on May 2, 1996 at The Legacy Golf Course in Granite City/Pontoon Beach. Openings may still be available by contacting John Greco, Golf Turney Chairman, at 876-5003.

This fund raising event will feature Jay Randolph, local radio talk show host, and former Blues player Bernie Ferderko. The Ram's cheerleaders will also be featured guests. These are a few of the celebrities scheduled to participate in the four-person scramble tournament.

The \$260 per team entry fee covers green fees and

cart, luncheon, which includes draft beer and soda at the Clubhouse, burgers, brats, and Italian sausage before and during play, hats and crying towels, and cash prizes for four flights. There is also to be food afterwards, during prize distribution.

There will be cash prizes for a man and a woman with the tee shot closest to the pin on a par three hole; and with the longest drive on a par five. A skins game and a \$10.00 hole-in-one, as well as other specialty holes, will be played, such as closest to the pin contest, longest drive contest, and more hole-in-one giveaways.

By Amanda Crabtree and Ron Rinehart

From across the pond, during their own Renaissance, the Italians were guided by a hope to a new brave world, named for one of their own, Amerigo Vespucci. Today, the Italian-American culture is an integral part of the modern Renaissance.

During the 15th Century, the "Boot" served as the foundation of Western Civilization. Italian migrants were some of the first colonists to tame the "wild land" and establish a new ecclesiastic civilization. Serving as soldiers for the cause of American freedom and justice, many Italians were willing to give their lives in the War for Independence and in preserving the Union during the Civil War.

The land whose streets were "paved with gold" presented a doorway for many poor Italians and Sicilians to seize the opportunity which they never had elsewhere. The era of mass migration began around the end of the 19th Century. Having an ethnic

Cookbooks at various locations

By Amanda Crabtree

The International Festival cookbooks will be available for purchase at Jessica's Cottage, Central Bank on Nameoki Road, Magna Bank (downtown), 1st Bank (downtown), City Hall, Granite City Headquarters at Bellemore Village, and the Granite City Library downtown.

Violets and Vinery, owned by Judy Knapp, has a specially prepared Mother's Day floral arrangement that includes a cookbook. The fresh flowers are arranged in a keepsake earthenware casserole dish, available in hunter green or blue.

population of 13%, the Italians were the second largest immigrant group by the year 1940.

Local historian and author, Georgia Engelke, concentrated her efforts this winter on an Ethnic Cookbook. It contains 170 pages and 10 photos, and is now on sale for \$10.

Library will participate in International Festival
By Tiffany L. Austin

The Granite City Public Library will be participating in the International Festival on May 3-5.

Tours of the library will be given on all three days. These tours will be an open house for the library. Copies of the International Cookbook will be available at the open house.

Various craft projects for children will take place at the Festival site. Storytelling and puppet shows will also be available to entertain children.

The library will use their activities at the International Festival to publicize Summer Youth Programs that will be offered.

Mrs. Donna Asbeck of the Granite City Public Library is in charge of all activities.



The Italian American club at a past Italian Fest in Collinsville. Pictured from left are: Tom Fitzgerald, Don Petrillo, Mike Genovese Jr., and Ed Broyles.

Honorees return as Marshals of International Festival parade

By Marcie Noud

Parade marshalls for the International Festival Parade are Andy Phillip and Ruben Mendoza. The parade will be held on May 3, 1996 at 6:30 p.m.

Ruben Mendoza learned to play soccer as a child in Mexico. He then came to Granite City when he was 16



Mr. Ruben Mendoza, better known as "The Father of Soccer" in Granite City, will be one of this year's parade marshals.

years old. All he wanted to do was play soccer. In the '50s, Mendoza played as a member of the Kurtis team in St. Louis. He was a member of the United States World Cup team in '54 and '58, he also played on the Olympic tryout squad in '52, '56, and '60. Late in his soccer career, in the '60s, Mendoza

suffered from a major knee injury and couldn't play anymore.

After the injury, he wasn't ready to give up the sport so instead of playing he decided to advance the sport to the Granite City area. Mendoza started a soccer program for young boys to learn to play. He is now known as the father of soccer in Granite City.

Andy Phillip, the other parade marshal, captained the Warrior State Basketball team in 1939. At age 14,

Andy signed a professional baseball contract with the St. Louis Cardinals. He attended the University of Illinois where he was named athlete of the year and led U of I to 2 conference basketball championships and an undefeated season in 1943.

His basketball career was interrupted by World War II where he served three years as Field Artillery Officer and Unit Commander in the battle of Iwo Jima. After service in the military, Andy returned to U of I and was selected All American. In 1952, he was selected Most Outstanding NBA player by the Philadelphia Basketball

Writers Association. Through the years, Andy Phillip was known as a famous baseball player, or



Parade Marshall Mr. Andy Phillip, who started his exceptional athletic career by signing a professional contract with the St. Louis Cardinals at the young age of 14, was born in Granite City.

perhaps as a famous basketball player. Now, throughout the United States, Andy's name is found in the Helms Athletic Foundation Basketball Hall of Fame in Los Angeles, CA, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA, and in the Illinois Sports Hall of Fame in Granite City, IL.

Events Schedule

The International Festival will take place from Friday, May 3 through Sunday, May 5. The Festival Committee has scheduled numerous and varied events for the weekend. The following is a tentative schedule of events. Specific times will be posted at the Centennial Stage.

CENTENNIAL STAGE

Friday 7 p.m.-10 p.m.
Polish Hall Dance Troupe

Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Public Announcements
Mexican Dancers
Creation Dancers

Belly Dancers
Armenian/Greek Music

Sunday noon-7 p.m.
Mark Gordon
Georgie Rock
The Mullins

HERITAGE STAGE (Beer Tent)

Friday 7 p.m.-10 p.m.
German Music

Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Story Telling
Magician
Mime

Pluggie
DARE
Macedonian/Bulgarian (Fashion Show)

Strolling Mideastern Music
Bagpipes and Drummers

Sunday noon-4 p.m.
Public Announcements
Stage Music
Dave Hylla Polka Band

Festival sponsors a Bike Ramble

By Patrick Mullen

The International Festival is sponsoring a Bike Ramble as part of the festival weekend. The Ramble will be held on Saturday, May 4, the third day of the festival, and will start at 9:30 a.m.

There will be two routes over which participants may ride. Route One is approximately three miles in length, while Route Two is about seven miles long. Both options take riders in a circular tour, beginning and ending at the staging area of the festival, which is located at the open lot at 19th Street and Delmar.

Upon returning from the bike ride, the festival will be underway, and a rack will be available to secure all bi-



Festival has everything good from shirts to cups

By Wade Brady

Along with all festival fairs come merchandise. At the International Festival this is no exception. Available for every member of the family are T-shirts in sizes ranging from medium to 4X-large, at \$10-\$14. This year's color scheme is gray, with teal lettering. Also available will be a 4-6 oz. beverage cup for \$2, with \$1 refills. T-shirts are available and

sponsored by Always Available, and cups by Vesci Inc. of Granite City.

A tent will be set up next to State Street where shirts and cups are available. Cups will also be sold (with drinks) at the beer stand.

Crying towels and ball caps come with a paid entry to the First Annual International Festival Golf Tournament.

GCHS students do work with Journal as part of the International Festival

By Danielle Stern

This special insert on the International Festival was written and edited by the advanced journalism class at Granite City High School. Members of the class are as follows: Tiffany Austin, Wade Brady, Amanda

Crabtree, Lisa Dillard, Pat Mullen, Marcie Noud, Ron Rinehart, Tabitha Soechting, Jessica Stegemeyer, Danielle Stern, Trisha Sumpter and Angie Vasquez. Their teacher, Mr. A.L. Betancourt, contributed

greatly to this insert as well. Not only did he spend endless hours aiding his students, he also created the logo for the Festival. Mr. Betancourt donated the logo to be used for the Festival in years to come.

Antique Macedonian/Bulgarian folk costumes to be displayed during International Festival

By Triple Sumpster

The accumulation of Macedonian/Bulgarian clothing has now reached museum proportions in the hands of local resident Marvin Moehle, Jr.

Clothing from his private collection will be displayed on the Centennial stage with models. He is also the founder and director of the Macedonian Kosturcani Folklore Troupe. Some of his collection will be available for viewing at the International Festival.

Moehle has traveled extensively in the Balkans, collecting folk costumes, artifacts, and antique jewelry. Additionally, his interests have included learning and documenting the oral history and music of the regions he has visited on four separate occasions. Many local and foreign citizens have aided in these endeavors. He has been able to add photographs, both new and antique, books, recordings and, more recently, video tapes.

At present, Moehle is working on a book, loosely titled *Village Smurdeh, Kosturko and the Regional Costumes of Kosturko and Lerinsko, Macedonia*.

Moehle also has a special interest, he said, in the minority groups of the Macedonian region, such as Vlachs, Pomaks, and others.

Most of the items in his collection are from the 18th and early 19th Centuries. He is always ready to

discuss his favorite subject; and is often invited to give talks and show examples of folk costumes.

One of the more unique features of the Macedonian clothing is that it is hand made and individualized. Though there are similarities among his examples, the various differences make for interesting puzzles in discovering the exact village or region that produced them.

In most instances, the thread that made up the cloth was spun by hand and

woven on a loom. The cloth was then cut, sewn and embroidered by the person who would wear the attire.

The clothes in the collection are complete with jewelry and are as rare as museum pieces.

Marvin has been able to enrich his collection many of the pieces in his collection. He said he hopes to someday open a museum, so everyone can share the rich heritage of the Macedonian/Bulgarian immigrants who settled in the Granite City area.



This costume is from Smilevo, Macedonia. It was made and worn in the photograph by Tasa Georgieff who came to Granite City to live. The costume is now part of Marvin Moehle's collection.



Buddy Mullins, Mark Willet, Westley Willet, Joel Huggins, and Paul Lancaster make up the Christian group "Mullins & Co." who will be performing on the Centennial Stage prior to the closing ceremonies on Sunday evening, May 5.

Mullins & Co. perform on Stage

By Tabitha Soechting

Mullins & Co., one of the many entertainers, will be performing at the International Festival. They will make their local debut in Granite City. They will also be the final entertainers on the Centennial Stage, Sunday, May 5, starting at 5 p.m.

Different groups of singers have tried to make it in the "Real World", but one that is doing an excellent job so far is Mullins & Co. Each of these songwriters, accomplished instrumentalists and vocalists make up this adult contemporary/pop Christian group; Mark Willet, keyboard, Joel Huggins, lead guitar, and another guitarist Buddy Mullins, sings lead with Paul Lancaster.

Mullins & Co. recently

introduced their newest project, an adult contemporary/pop offering entitled "All The Right Doors". Executives and staff of Word Records responded so strongly to the new music that they removed the Canaan label from Mullins & Co.'s "All the Right Doors", and applied the Word label logo, which includes the corporation's endorsement of the move.

"On this album we got to take off the masks and be who we really are," said Buddy, one of the founding members. "We just took a step of faith, praying the Lord would bless it and He really has. That's the reason for the title of the project. God has been opening all the right

doors."

"Personally, contemporary Christian music speaks to me where I am right now," explains Mullins. "I'm to the point in my Christian walk where I need more than just to talk about heaven and the cross. Those things are the most vital foundations of our faith, but in this day and age we need to do more than just get people to stand up and run the aisles. I want us to leave something with them that will help them to live a Christian life. We all need to hear things that will help us make it through the day."

As Mullins & Co. tour the country with their new project, they have definite goals in mind. With this in mind their group surely will go far.

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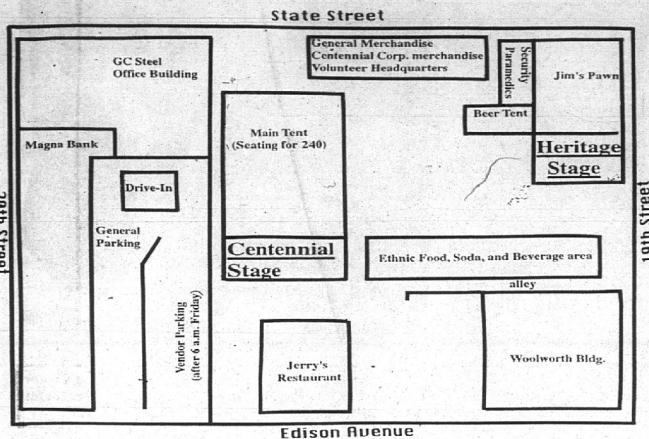
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Polish create organizations in area

By Marcie Noud

The early 1870's marked the beginning of the mass immigration of Poles to the United States, where they settled in various cities throughout the country. About 1870, the Polish settlers in the United States numbered a little over 50,000, scattered throughout the larger cities of the country. These Polish settlers built Catholic churches and organized social and benevolent societies for the purpose of assisting the local parishes in their growth and expansion, and also for the welfare of their fellow men.

These activities, in general, centered around the Polish parishes. Father Gieryk decided to bring this organizational project into being by making an appeal to the few existing weekly newspapers in the country. Calling upon the Poles in the different cities, he organized what is now the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRUCA).

The beginning of the organization was difficult and progress was slow. The only purpose of the organization, at that time, was to teach Polish.

In 1935, St. Stanislaus Lodge purchased a hall at \$26



This group of young Polish dancers are wearing traditional folk costumes from the Krakow Mountain region. The dance group is predominantly from Granite City, but also includes dancers from Madison and St. Louis.

every Wednesday at Polish Hall for practice. They have performed at various nursing homes, church organizations, Chamber of Commerce, Eagles, State Fair, the International Folkfest (Queen City Park), and the lodge's functions. They perform in full traditional costumes.

The administration of St. Stanislaus, for 1996, includes the Rev. Jim Keefner, as Chaplain, and Bob Pare, as President.

One of its proudest accomplishments and ongoing activity is its dance troupe. It has 30 members which meet

Mexicans have strong affinity for GC

By Angela Vasquez

The Mexican Honorary Commission will be a major part of the International Festival, featuring their dancing, and festive comida.

In 1926, the Mexican Honorary Commission was founded by Mexican forefathers who migrated to the Granite City area in the early 1900's. They started the commissions to help local Mexicans adapt, become more educated, build, and prosper in America, while still preserving their heritage and traditions.

The Commission is a non-profit organization chartered by the state of Illinois. The purpose of the commission is to preserve and honor the Mexican heritage in the community, encourage and aid education, sportsmanship, and the development of youth through scholarship funding, and to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs, inspire respect for law and order, promote patriotism, and work for international peace and friendship among all peoples, regardless of race, color or

creed.

There is a constitution by which the Mexican Honorary Commission is governed.

In 1801, the Criollos were stirred by the recent, successful Revolutionary War in the United States. On September 16, 1810, led by a Criollo priest, Father Miguel Hidalgo, the first blow was struck. With an ill-equipped army of 50,000, he marched toward the capital, but was stopped by forces loyal to the crown. Father Hidalgo and some of

the Criollos escaped to Guadalajara but were later captured and tried. Hidalgo was stripped of his priestly office and, in July of 1811, was shot to death.

In 1824, Mexico was finally, after years of revolution, proclaimed a republic and given a constitution, patterned after the United States.

The Mexican people who have settled in Granite City are proud of their heritage and never fail to remember what their forefathers did.



These Mexican dancers will be performing at the festival. Back row: Domingo Valencia, Don Lowe, Vince Martinez, and Tom Scateno. Bottom row: Juan Ortiz, Carolyn Valencia, Bob Galvin, Shirley Valencia, and Joe Valencia.

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Festival celebrates past

By Bob Slaten
Staff writer

working with the Granite City Centennial Committee.

"I just thought it would be a recurring international festival," Hufford said. "And what better time to kick it off than in the centennial year."

The festival kicks off Thursday, May 2 with a celebrity golf tournament at The Legacy. A VIP Party is planned at the main festival site — the Magna Bank parking lot downtown — following the tournament.

A parade from Granite City High School, down Madison Avenue to the festival site is slated to begin at 6 p.m. Friday, May 3. The parade will feature local star Andy Phillips and former Olympic soccer player Ruben Mendoza have been named parade marshals. The parade features members of various ethnic and social groups from the city, an honor guard from the Charles Melvin Price U.S. Army Support Center and military vehicles from the St. Louis Army Museum, based at the Price Center.

And to celebrate that rich heritage, the first-ever International Festival has been planned for May 4-5 in downtown Granite City. Organizers hope the event will become an annual fixture in the Tri-Cities area.

Sharon Van Meter Hufford came up with the idea for an international festival when

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Festival celebrates past



The Macedonian/Bulgarian Ladies Aid Society of the Holy Trinity Church, in Madison, founded 1925, will be participating in the International Festival and furnishing refreshments. Front row: Sophie Kipfer, Mary Baron, Tomea Kirchoff, Maria Natsleff, and Blaga Stamboljier. Back row: Dorothy Kalchef, Vickie Mayer, Eve Loman, Alexandria Dragani, Mary Gages, Queeny Eileff, Ann Petroff, and Mary Pretroff.

Industry built Granite City nearly 100 brief years ago

Among the German immigrants who came to St. Louis in the 1850s were the Niedrinhaus brothers, Frederick G., age 18, and William F., age 20, natives of Westphalia, Germany. They became tanners and earned \$4 a week, selling their wares on the street. By 1857, the brothers had saved enough money to open their own business. They had to incorporate as the St. Louis Stamping Works. William became exhausted from overwork. In 1865 his doctor told him to take a rest, kitchen utensils from a single sheet of tin, the brothers imported the equipment and a

In a store window, in a small village in Germany, William saw kitchen utensils that were coated with a glossy, white element. For \$5,000, William was able to purchase the process of making graniteware. He lost no time returning to St. Louis, where his first piece of graniteware was made on April 10, 1874, using ground granite as the basic material. They patented their process and the enameling business became one of the major industries in the United States.

Until 1877, the St. Louis Stamping Company imported sheet iron, used in the production of graniteware, from Wales. After the mill in Wales was destroyed by fire, the brothers constructed the Granite Iron Rolling Mills in 1878 and made their own sheet iron. Workmen were imported from Wales to operate the mill. Granite City Steel Company traces its history back to 1878, when those mills were opened in St. Louis.

However, their steel industry had problems competing with cheap tin plate imported from England. As a result, Frederick decided to become active in politics. He was elected as a United States Representative from Missouri. He served on the House Ways and Means Committee, and favored high tariffs to protect smaller industries. The McKinley Tariff Bill of 1890 was passed by Congress, and the duty on tin plate was raised from \$2.40 to \$4.28 a ton. Two months after this bill was passed, the Granite Iron Rolling Mills in St. Louis began to produce tin plate.

With this legislation in place, the brothers had a tremendous increase in business. Because there was such a demand for tin plate, they decided to buy cheap land near St. Louis and develop a city.

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Wilson appoints Whitsell

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach Treasurer Lou Whitsell was appointed temporary comptroller Tuesday in a meeting rife with insults, accusations, escalating calls for ordinance violations and investigations by outside agencies, groans from the audience and a few questions about how to impeach village officials.

In January the village board voted to eliminate the treasurer's position and go to a full-time comptroller beginning May 1.

However, the board has not set specifications or a salary for the job, and Tuesday's meeting Mayor Glen Wilson appointed Whitsell to the job temporarily. Whitsell, a former village trustee and clerk, was appointed temporary treasurer in November after the abrupt resignation of Treasurer Judy Donaldson.

Trustee Mike Mack pointed out during discussion that because the village has not set a salary, Whitsell would be working without pay.

In making the appointment, Wilson said Whitsell "took over under extremely adverse circumstances. The former treasurer failed to keep the books properly and failed to pay the Internal Revenue Service, causing penalties and interest, which are still outstanding."

He also said that without the appointment there would be nobody to keep the village's books or issue checks.

Trustee Gus Falter, head of the village committee, said he had been preparing job specifications but wanted to discuss them with Village Attorney Keith Jensen, who has been unavailable.

After Wilson made the appointment, Mack motioned to hire ADP, an outside firm, to handle the village payroll on a temporary basis at a cost of \$1,000 a month.

There was considerable debate on the subject.

"It's a waste of taxpayers' money just for a vendetta; that's just what it is," Whitsell said.

Trustee Bob Abel questioned the need for a comptroller, saying eliminating the treasurer's position was "stupid."

Trustee Bob Vincent said he would have a deal with the village's bookkeeping. "If it's cut and dried payroll, that would be one thing, but it's not," he said.

Jensen said the village could consider a trustee if wanted, but would also have to consider who would handle money coming into the village.

After Mack suggested auditor Dan Donohoe handle bookkeeping, Abel motioned to table the proposal, which will now have to be considered at the next board meeting.

Mack and Vincent then began arguing.

"You brought the treasurer back after the mayor fired her," Vincent said of Donaldson. "You always brought back knowing we owed the federal government."

Mack said he did not "know" that.

"We still don't know what we owe, if we owe them anything or if we've got a refund coming," he said.

Mack then asked Whitsell if he received visitors at his house, and then asked Jensen to prepare an ordinance violation against Whitsell.

Vincent then asked that similar action be taken against Donaldson because she kept village records at home.

"I agree and at the same time I'd like to make a motion to investigate the previous clerk's office by an outside agency," Mack said. "Let's get it all out."

Mack then responded by asking for an outside agency to investigate the previous treasurer.

"If it's going to be a joke, it might as well be full blown," he said.

Arguments continued, with Wilson accusing Mack and other trustees of not caring.

"We've got a member and three property," Wilson said, referring to trustees Falter, Randy Presswood and Irene Karlechik.

Karlechik said she heard Wilson's remark.

During the arguments there was considerable comment and groaning by the audience, and after the meeting someone asked Jensen how to impeach a village official.

Jensen said he didn't think it could be done.

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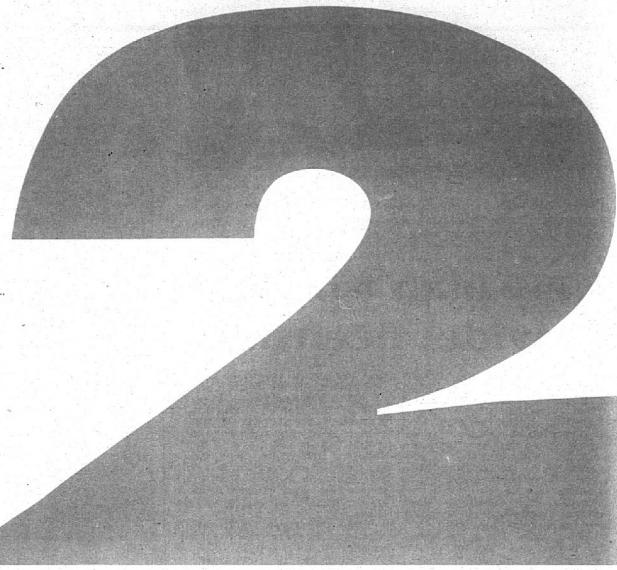
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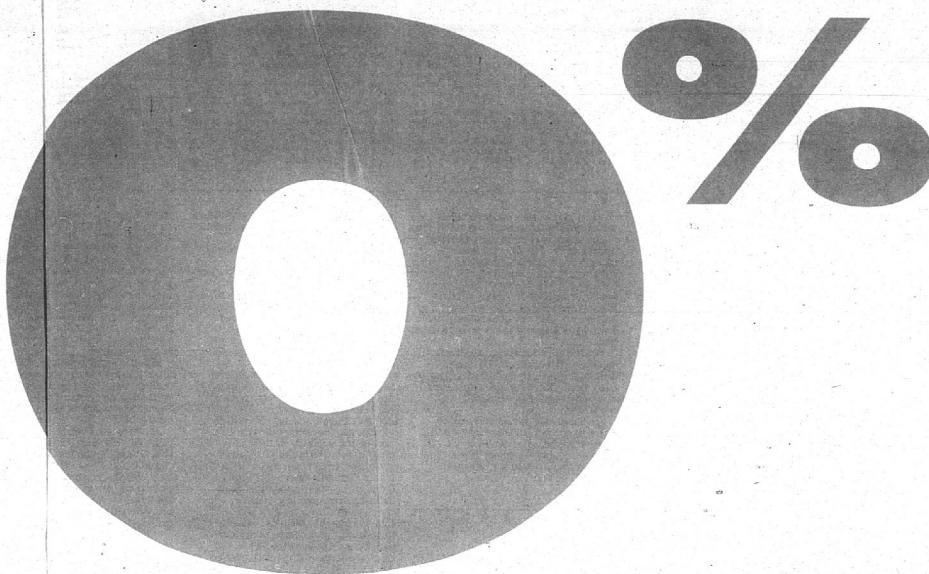
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Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, apple sauce; lunch: Baked beans, mixed vegetables, sliced peaches, oatmeal and raisin cookie.

Friday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast; lunch: Fish sandwich on bun, macaroni and cheese, sliced carrots, fresh apple.

Madison Public Schools

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Tuesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, juice; lunch: Chef salad with ham and cheese, crackers, vegetable and beef soup, applesauce.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cereal, juice; lunch: Turkey and gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, gelatin, bread.

Thursday — Breakfast: Doughnut, juice; lunch: Chili and crackers, peanut butter sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, peaches.

Friday — Breakfast: Pizza, juice; lunch: Nachos with ground beef, fries, cherries, cinnamon roll.

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Monday — Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup, juice; lunch: Chicken nuggets with sweet and sour sauce, green beans, salad, mixed fruit, sliced bread.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Pancakes, bacon; lunch: Chili mac, carrot and celery sticks, peanut butter sandwich, crackers, mixed fruit.

Wednesday — Cook's choice.

Thursday — Cook's choice.

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Thursday — Cook's choice.

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Tuesday — Chicken noodle soup with crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, peanut butter sandwich.

Wednesday — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, apple sauce.

Thursday — Hams and cheese quesadilla, mixed vegetables, pears, chocolate chip bar.

Friday — Twice-baked potato, cheese chunks, tossed salad, spiced apples.

Milestones

Buddy Prozma celebrates his birthday May 1.

Ann Coleman celebrates her birthday today, April 28.

Steve Laub will celebrate his 37th birthday April 29.

Angela Kaye McMasters will celebrate her birthday April 29.

Steven Wright will celebrate his seventh birthday April 29.

Thomas Schiller will celebrate his 61st birthday April 29.

Matt and Patty Shemwell will celebrate their seventh wedding anniversary April 29.

David Finkle will celebrate his 34th birthday April 30.

Kenneth Kube will celebrate his 60th birthday April 30.

Steve Christopher will celebrate his birthday May 1.

Jaimie Nichole Mertz will celebrate her 17th birthday May 1.

Lee "Boo" Sloan will celebrate her 26th birthday May 1.

Tracy Caffrey will celebrate her 25th birthday May 1.

Mark Clegg will celebrate his 30th birthday May 1.

Lester White will celebrate his 51st birthday May 2.

Rosanne Robertson will celebrate her birthday May 2.

Karen Cooper will celebrate her 30th birthday May 3.

Glen and Naomi Redding will celebrate their wedding anniversary May 3.

Brian Redding will celebrate his birthday May 3.

Jeff Turner will celebrate his 33th birthday May 4.

Lisa Karius will celebrate her birthday May 4.

Mutual funds have opened up new investment chances

This is the second article of a series about mutual funds.

Mutual funds will continue to remain popular because they are convenient and efficient investment vehicles that give you the opportunity with small sums to invest, access to a wide array of opportunities.

Mutual funds allow you to participate in stock and bond markets that might otherwise demand too much time, expertise or capital to be worthwhile.

Mutual funds have opened up a world of fixed-income investments that people who not too many years ago had few savings accounts and savings bonds.

The beauty of mutual funds is that you decide upon the kind of investment desired, there are several funds that can fulfill that criterion.

As an example, someone seeking a steady income would be attracted to bond funds. A person seeking a long-term investment would look toward growth funds.

What has just been mentioned are the "categories" of mutual funds available today.

Other categories include: aggressive growth, balanced, bond funds, government bond, growth and income, high-yield, international bonds, international equities, money market, municipal bond and utility.

Now, this may all seem a bit intimidating, but you should look at the big picture when deciding upon the fund that is right for you. If you have a system for picking the appropriate category, this process will become much easier.

Brian Mulhall
The first question you should ask yourself in this process is "When will I need this money?"

Most people do not recommend having money in growth if you plan on spending it in the next two years. The shorter the time frame, the more the need for more guaranteed investments.

On the other hand, the longer the time frame, the more growth-oriented you should be invested.

The conservative investor may say that the stock market (growth) is too risky. The day-to-day volatility of equities can be quite frustrating. However, it is also true that the long-term effects of inflation and the loss of purchasing power of a fixed income are even more devastating.

In the case of inflation, what do you think are the chances that the cost of goods and services will go down during the next five to 10 years? Not likely. What do you think are the chances that the stock market will go higher in the next three, five or 10 years? Very likely.

For example, a person seeking growth could put 60 percent in stocks, 30 percent in aggressive growth and 10 percent in international.

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at the end of the day more important? How important is current income from your portfolio? If you are gainfully employed and plan to be for some time, then receiving income from your mutual fund is not very important and you should seek growth.

What is the amount of loss you are willing to accept on paper?

If being down 10 percent on paper is in no way tolerable for you, then you should avoid the international and aggressive growth categories.

Most funds fluctuate wildly from month to month. However, they have been the strongest performers over the past few decades, and so, with some additional risk has come additional rewards for those investors.

How important is that your mutual fund beats the market over the long-term?

If that is important, then seek more growth and avoid money market or bond funds.

Spreading your risk and selection over several categories is another wise move. Pick three or four categories and divide your selections into three or four different mutual funds. This is called diversification and helps you avoid being so dependent on one category. That way you stand a better chance of being in a "big" category at the right time.

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Opening — Present to cut the ribbon at the opening of Shepherd's Supply Store in Crossroads Plaza in Granite City were, from left, chamber ambassadors Harvey Cohen and Ed Besserman, the Rev. Bob McCrorey, Chamber Executive Vice President R.C. Bush, Lt. Jack Carver, owner Jerry Robins, Phyllis McCrorey, Marie Robins, Cheryl Carver, Jim Robins and chamber ambassador Joanna Spencer.

Attends session on treating depression

Dr. M. Jamil attended a medical seminar entitled "Clinical Controversies in Treating Depression," held March 10 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in St. Louis.

The program was supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Eli Lilly and Co. The program was designed to educate primary care physicians, psychiatrists, and other practicing physicians regarding understanding of diagnosis, and treatment of depression. New treatment risks of drug interaction were discussed.

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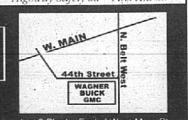
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All-you-can-eat dinner may 3

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The meal includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and drink. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and younger.



THE VOICE BOX:

What is your favorite thing to do in Illinois?

By SHIRLEY VALENCIA



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"I like Chicago, although it's farther north. The Shedd's Aquarium is great. All the museums are my choice."



Dee Robinson Granite City
"I'm involved a lot in the local lakes. My husband and I enjoy boating and fishing. Rend is our favorite lake."

Transit district supporting RideFinders program

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A resolution continuing the Madison County Transit District's support of the RideFinders program was approved at

a board meeting Thursday. The resolution authorizes the extension of contracts related to the program, which is the St. Louis region's clearinghouse for car and van pools.

RideFinders is administered

by the transit district. It was set up to reduce the amount of vehicle emissions in the St. Louis region. In Illinois, the program serves Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties. In Missouri, it serves Franklin,

Jefferson, St. Charles and St. Louis counties, including the city of St. Louis.

RideFinders is funded primarily through the Federal Highway Administration's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Funds.

District Manager Jerry Kane said the state has agreed to provide \$400,000 in additional funding for the program. He said the law providing federal funding for the program lapses in September.

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INFORMATION

Attendance is limited to 35 people. Advance registration is required; reservations can be made by calling Memorial's Community Relations Department at 257-5649.



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AARP Valentine — The American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 1340 Valentine's Day dance was held Feb. 14. Shown are, from left, president Pauline Hanson and Rette Lombardi, community chairperson, who presented a box of candy donated by Thomas Mortuaries Ltd. in Granite City to Jane Wyat as an attendance prize.

Ruth Circle holds meeting

The Ruth Circle meeting was held in the home of Helen Stumpe, who opened the meeting with the Christian Women's Fellowship Prayer, along with prayers and concerns.

Marion Calaway read the minutes and correspondence and announced coming events.

On May 2, "Ladies' Night Out," a social event for the ladies of the Christian Women's Fellowship, will be held at Granite City Christian Tickets for the supper can be purchased from Jo Stephens or Nancy Connolly, chairman.

On Friday, May 3, "May Fellowship," a Church Women United international celebration and luncheon, will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army.

The remainder of the evening was spent filling health kits to be sent to Church World Service.

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Organizations

District 9 Retired Office Personnel

The Granite City School District 9 Retired Office Personnel held its April meeting at the Colonial Cupboard in Edwardsville.

Those attending were Dorothy Lange, June Schneider, Marcella Pilcher, Arlene Haldean, Lucie Stucke, Frieda Andrews, Harriet Mercer, Dorothy and Lucille Chandler and Lucille Caban.

The hostess for May will be Caban, who is making reservations at the Picnic Basket in Alton.

Willing Workers of America

The reunion committee of the Willing Workers of America is currently working on its 15th reunion of former Al Smith Corporation employees.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 4, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1000 Alton Road in Granite City. Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. There is no cost to attend. Attendance prizes will be awarded.

Please call in your reservations to Steve Ortiz at 451-0088 by May 2.

Old Six Mile

William Donovan, the work manager at American Steel, will talk about the history of American Steel at the Old Six Mile Historical Society's meet-

ing, to be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 6, at Central Christian Church, 1220 Johnson Street in Granite City. The public is invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served. Attendance prizes will be awarded. Call 931-1352 for more information.

Moose Lodge 272

The Granite City Moose Lodge 272 held its biannual breakfast and dance March 23 for various homes and organizations for the mentally handicapped in the Metro East area.

Those participating were the Organizational for the Advancement of the Handicapped (OATH) in Madison, Lewis and Clark Home in Pontoon Beach, Lynn Haven Home in Pontoon Beach, and two homes from the Alton Bluffs in Alton.

The group expressed its gratitude to the many members who helped prepare and serve the luncheon, the staff of the participating homes and the clients for attending.

Knights of Columbus

On April 19, Sir Knight James DeFuntz, faithful Navigator of the Knights of Columbus, presented \$3,000 in checks to Alicia Poetker, principal of St. Elizabeth School, and Sister Angeline, principal of Holy Family School. The money will be used to purchase computers for their classes.

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High school spring concert May 2

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A variety of songs will be performed by the Sophs Choir, Advanced Mixed Chorus, Concert and Girls' Glee Club.

Songs include: "Once Upon a Dream," "The Lion King," "I Want You Back," "Walk a Little Slower," "My Friend," "Do You Wanna Dance," "light at the End of the Tunnel," "Mine Your Own Kind of Music," "I'm a Natural," "Boogie Woogie Out

McLissa Bernaix, Andria Butler, William Kene, Amy Mahan, Jamie Know, Leah Gindler, Tamara Weston, Kelly Ridge, Nancy Jordan, Renee Conrad, Rebecca Ellsworth, Keri Shup, Stephanie Hanke, Valerie Hanks, Teresa Morris and Matthew Schlecht.

Graduating seniors to be recognized include: Jessica Schmid, Glacee Brinner, Shannon Donald, Amy Gillison, Jennifer Lindsey, Michelle Mance, Terese Morris, David Parrish, Jeffrey Crain, Jason Schmidt, Brian Weston, Kip Campbell, Daniel McNeal, James Hancock, Keith Wooton, Melissa White, Rick Wooton, Christopher Zimmer, David Pritchett, Valerie Hanks, Teresa Morris and Matthew Schlecht.

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Horoscope

Sunday, April 28
Neptune, that devilish planet that produces illusions as well as brilliant insights, starts moving retrograde today. That means you're not as associated with this planet (such as medical fields, technology, oil, the movies and retail) will now find grand success with past projects that may have been stalled. Fortune tellers and astrologers are rehired. The best of luck goes to those in show business.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you must settle old scores, it's now the time to do it. Be guilty express their regrets. Everybody wins when you get past traditions and begin new ones with your family.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Others misread your motives. Be very clear. Trying to change to please another is a waste of time. Hide your self-doubts; you're an extraordinary convincing your old beliefs. A former love returns but in a new role. Organize new groups — use your leadership skills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Ready to people you know years ago. You may overreact to a simple mistake. Fresh ideas, environments and people make you more realistic. Part-time offers commitments — make these your old backs by actions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Making promises to another encourages you to do what you can't do, or anything. Focus on one problem at a time. Renew lagging friendships — you need support systems. Singles find potential new loves.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Events culminate suddenly — prepare now. You've underpriced yourself in business and undervalued your worth in love. Linking your fate with another seems lucky but isn't. Rent reductions come if you ask now.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 28) Independence is essential for your spirit to soar. Security comes from investments and new businesses in August. Pursue a creative venture that's a good fit with your career in September if you show confidence. In November, love a Gemini or Leo. Marriage is best in February. Moves now or in December. Windfalls arrive in January. September will have luck with contests in October.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Show initiative that won't be a coyote. Love strikes when you're yourself. Outdoor activities convince you to do more exercising or to keep physically fit. You can now reconcile with an estranged relative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). What you yearn for are perfecting ideas, and present them. A disconcerting message is not worth worrying about. Watch that jealousy doesn't erupt because of playmates.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). Dare to live out your dreams



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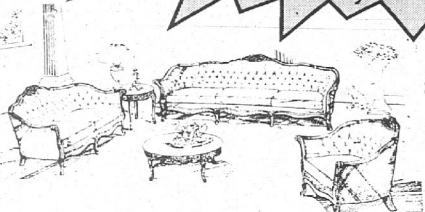
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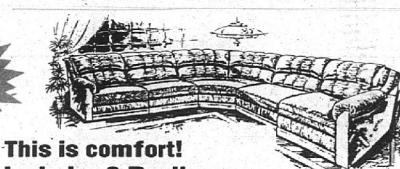
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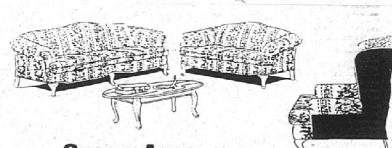
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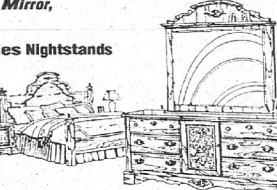
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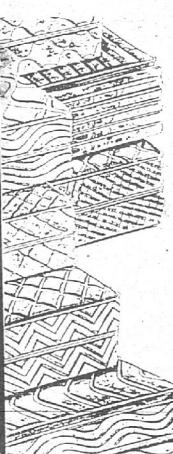
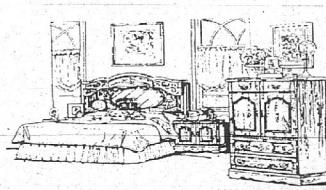
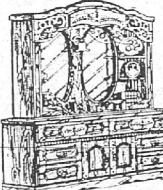


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South Seven Conference adds soccer

Spring cleaning of overflowing items
Soccer continues to expand. Now it's the South Seven Conference which has added soccer as a conference sport starting with the boys season in the fall and the girls in the spring of 1997.

Five schools competing in boys soccer will be Cahokia, Centralia, Centralia, Marion and O'Fallon. The girls will play a four-team league schedule since Centralia has not added the sport as yet.

Soccer also expanded in the Southwestern Conference this year (a fact mentioned here previously) but do not look for East Saint Louis Senior High to provide the sport. Lincoln

Edwardsville will, as a result of an agreement related to entering the SWC.

Mentioned me of my prediction that the only football coach Edmund Jones, who replaced Bob Shannon early in the 1995 season, will be out as the Flyers' boss.

Formerly, longtime East Side assistant Terry Hill will get the Flyers' post — a matter most pleasing to the assistant coaches who did not adjust to Jones' after years of success with Shannon.

"Of course, even if Jones had taken the Flyers past the state playoff quarterfinals, some would not have been satisfied."

OVERTIME: East Side Athletic Director Art May was among the persons attending a recent tribute to James "Barney" Davis, the former mayor of Brooklyn, who has faced financial problems with courage and dignity.

May recalled Davis as being instrumental in not only forming a highly recognized baseball team in the Brooklyn Robins but in holding the Tandy League together when financial problems struck the predominantly Negro league.

A member of the Negro Leagues Hall of Fame, Davis, now 79, devoted nearly 50 years to men's amateur baseball.

Among his protégés is Vernon Jackson, veteran Belleville City League fastpitch softball umpire, who played professional baseball for the Memphis Red Sox in the 1950s.

During a minor league stint

as a pitcher in the Minnesota Twins organization, Blackledge roomed with Rod Carew, the Hall of Famer whose daughter, Michelle, died recently of leukemia.

EXTRA INNINGS: When it comes to community service, I wonder how many people could do as much as the late Harvey Kohlenberger did for Millstadt.

Harvey died at age 81 on April 15 and among other things was manager of the Millstadt Commercial Club, Millstadt Volunteer Fire Department, Golden Age Club of Millstadt, and Millstadt Hospital.

The organizer of the MHL, he also was a member of the Illinois Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame. My sympathy to his wife, Ethelene Schiffer-decker and family.

NET NOTE: This scribe, at times, has made mention that Belleville East softball coach Rita Menke and myself are graduates of St. Joe's College in Roselater, Ind.

However, Rita and I were surprised to hear of Great Lakes Valley Conference representative giving the St. Joe's basketball coach (Bill Bland) and Southern Indiana coach Bruce Pearl last season. Pearl claims St. Joe's plays dirty.

"They give dirty plays," Pearl said after one of his players was undercut.

Said Bland: "We don't play dirty. It's part of the game." A result of language and conduct exhibited by both coaches at a game in Evansville, Ind., the home of Southern Indiana.

Kickers exit tourney on upswing

GCHS tops Pioneers, ends pool play 1-1-1

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

First of all, there was a terrible two-hour bus ride over to Howell North High School, caused by a major traffic jam Thursday. Secondly, Duchesne was given a penalty kick on a questionable call in the first half, giving the Pioneers a 1-0 lead.

But the Lady Granite City 3, Duchesne 1

Warriors overcame all that GRANITE CITY 1 0 - 1

DUCHESNE 0 3 - 3

in a spirited second half, as DUCHESNE 1

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Second Half

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•Warriors

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he had allowed in his previous four starts.

"Justin didn't have his good stuff," Lignou said.

"But he still has to learn to pitch in those days when he doesn't have it."

Lignou was, however, encouraged by the pitching of Mike Aliventi, who had been struggling lately.

"Ahlvers did a nice job, after we worked with him a lot in the past few days with mechanics and velocity," Lignou said. "But his breaking ball looked a lot better."

Looking at Edwardsville, ranked No. 1 in the Journal poll, Lignou said the girls just didn't have the same level of importance that a conference game does.

"They're a fine baseball team, though I'm not sure they're the best team around," Lignou said. "The main thing with this game is the winner probably gets the No. 1 seed in the (regional), assuming we're paired together like we usually are."

"Most years, we have to play Edwardsville in the same week in which we have a couple of conference games. This year we haven't had an conference games rained out, so we're getting them during a fairly easy week."

"I noticed Belleville West also had them during the make-up week, and they beat (Edwardsville) earlier this week."

Lignou said he planned to start Dustin Bowers against Edwardsville, but added he was thinking of going with two or three different pitchers.

"We need to get some work in on these kids," he said.

"This was our conference schedule, starts again, and we'll need to be ready."

Of course, next year Edwardsville will be a part of the Southeast Conference.

"Then, that game will be a big one," Lignou said.

The Warriors have two SWC games scheduled this week. GCHS will play at Alton on Tuesday, and will visit Belleville East on Thursday.

On Wednesday, the Warriors are scheduled to play a non-conference game at home against Centralia.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)
Crystal Timmons (left) fights off a Duchesne player during Thursday's game.

Sports shorts

Celebrity golf tourney

The Legacy Golf Course is still taking applications for its Celebrity Golf Tournament, to be held in conjunction with the first-ever International Festival in downtown Granite City. The featured player scramble tourney will begin with a 10 a.m. start

1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2. Celebrities scheduled to appear include talk show host Jay Randolph Jr. and former St. Louis Rams star running back Federick, as well as the St. Louis Rams Cheerleaders.

Entries must be received by Monday, April 29. The cost per team is \$260 and covers all food, food and drink, contests and prizes.

Participants should send their remittance along with the team captain's name and phone number to: Celebrity Golf Tournament, P.O. Box 523, Granite City, Ill., 62040. For more information, call John at 618-5003.

Family Fun Day

The Charles Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City will host a Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 11. The annual event celebrates the month of the military child. The day's events will begin at 9 a.m. with the Morale Welfare and Recreation 3K Fun Run/Walk at the

Price Center Gymnasium.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a variety of carnival games, pony rides, a family double-dare challenge, an Armed Forces Museum display and much more. The stands and displays will be set up in and around Bldg. 125 (Recreation Center).

This year's event will be open to the public for the first time. For more information, call Family Walkers, Paul Ellis, at 452-4332. For more information on the Fun Day event, call Mark Pacatte at 452-4332.

Hall of Fame tourney
The Granite City Sports Hall of Fame will hold a scramble golf tournament May 11 in conjunction with the annual proms of 17 local members. The tourney will begin at 7 a.m. at the Legacy Golf Course.

The entry fee of \$25 includes

pipes, food and drink and golf balls.

There will be three flights,

and a closest-to-the-pin con-

test. Entrants are asked to

send in a fee along with their

name and phone number, to Les

Thompson, president of the

Granite City Sports Hall of

Fame. For more information, call 876-7636.

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Tuesday and dropping a 2-1 contest to Incarnate Word Academy on Wednesday.

The Lady Warriors (8-2) overcame a 1-0 deficit after their final pool game that they would not advance to the semifinals, which were scheduled to begin Saturday morning at Incarnate Word, were Bol C and advanced to play Nerinx Hall at 9 a.m., while St. Dominic and Howell North squared off in the second semifinal match at 11 a.m.

"We were very pleased with (Thursday's) game," GCHS coach Gene Baker said. "We would have liked to have qualified, but it turned out that it wouldn't have mattered what we did today, so that penalty kick didn't mean anything. At that point in the first half, we were very pleased."

Granite City finished in second place in pool play, and did not qualify for a mid-card spot in the semifinals.

But GCHS didn't know that in the first half Thursday, when the Pioneers were awarded a penalty kick after keeper Shannon Roth dabbled down a cross in the 25th minute. The Pioneers scored and won the game.

Lindsey Rector converted the penalty kick, and Duchesne took a 1-0 lead at the 25:41 mark of the first half.

Although the Lady Warriors

controlled their share of the play in the half, they were down 1-0 at intermission.

Mark Meyers did a lot of

good things out there, and was

very strong on her shots. That

long one she hit, she didn't get

it where she wanted it, but it was a very heavy ball," Baker said.

"I thought Izzy showed a lot of pressure, and Taylor gave her a great lift. She responded to not getting the start and showed she belonged in there. And overall, our backfield was pretty reliable. Kristi Kuehne bunted on the knee, but she and Crystal Timmons were outstanding."

"And we got some good help off the bench. I thought Jennifer and Amber gave us a great lift. They played real well, and Amber Hubert got a starting spot and did fine. We're just very pleased with the kids."

The Lady Warriors from neutral observers were glowing. Several on hand said Granite City outplayed each of its three opponents at the tournament.

"This tournament will make you or break you," Baker said. "We beat a pretty decent team, and I was very proud of the girls. They also did a nice tournament, and we were in a very competitive bracket, so really we feel good about what we accomplished."

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•Langdon

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me. When I think about hitting, nothing happens."

Triad baseball coach Tim Funkhouser said perhaps Langdon must not have had a good game when he *only* collected two hits.

"I guess like when I figure out the stats, he goes 2-for-4 and some people will say Langdon didn't do that well, he only got two hits or he only had one double or two RBIs instead of four RBIs," Funkhouser said. "I've got to the point where I haven't even talked to him about hitting at all, just let him go up there and hit."

"I really try to do that with the players that are really in a groove and continue to swing the bat well. Once they start getting off, I try to get them hitting. Even though he might be doing a couple of things mechanically wrong he is still hitting the ball well, so we're not going to make any adjustments."

Funkhouser, who was surrounded by some great high school hitters during his playing days at Edwardsville High, said he never seen a player continue to hit the ball as Langdon has.

"I have played with a lot of excellent players," Funkhouser said. "I think he's probably the best player I've seen in a long time — we just played our 12th game (Wednesday) — he has hit well in every game. He's a

clutch hitter. It's nice to have a player that is always getting on base and getting hits, but he is always driving players in."

"It seems like he comes up every inning with a man on second base and he'll find a spot to hit it to. He gets a double when we need somebody on base. I guess I've seen a couple of players like him for this extended period of time, but that was in college when they were playing 40-some games."

Langdon's high average has been a detriment to his pitching statistics this season. He is currently 4-1 with an earned run average below 2.00. In his last outing, he recorded nine strikeouts against Civic Memorial.

"I think my hitting takes away from my pitching," Langdon said. "Nobody really recognizes what I do on the mound. I try to do better on the mound than I do hitting. If I go 0-for-4 in a game, but strike everybody out, I would rather do that."

The Knights, who were scheduled to play Edwardsville in a doubleheader Saturday, will visit Althoff at 4:30 p.m.

(Each week one prep varsity athlete will be selected by the Journal sports staff as the Illinois Journal's Cardinal Club Athlete of the Week. Selected athletes will be featured in newspapers throughout the Journals' coverage area.)

Warriors place 3rd in county meet

By Rob Raphael

Staff writer

The track meets continue to become bigger in scope and meaning, but the Granite City athletes just won't go away.

Even though Edwardsville boys and girls squads won the Madison County Meet, held Wednesday in Collinsville, Granite City continued to program and make sure everyone was aware of its presence.

The GCBS boys placed third in the four-team Class AA competition, while the girls finished fourth. Both teams had identical point totals (43).

In the boys meet, the Warriors placed in 13 of the 17 events held at Kahok Stadium. The GCBS girls had the first-place and three second-place finishers to add to their point total.

"We're extremely happy," said GCBS coach Gene Briggs. "We're down, but we're great performances. By and large, it was a good day for Granite City track."

The Warriors were led by two relay teams and one individual who placed second in the meet.

Kelly Huckleberry placed second in the 300-meter dash with a time of 43.2 seconds. Huckleberry also placed third in the 100-meter hurdles. The 4x100 and 4x200 teams each placed second, with the 4x100 team of Matt Howard, Diane Bauer, Shane Brown and Steve Logan finishing in 44.3 seconds.

And Bauer, Logan, Howard and Matt Bauer turned in a time of 1:33.8 to finish second in the 800-meter relay.

Also placing third at the meet were the 3,200 and 1,600 relay teams. The 3,200 team of Jeff Hassell, David Zellerman, Robert Lampitt and George Wolfe ran the relay in 8:55, while the 1,600 team of Howard, Brown, Wolfe and Chris Tindall finished in 3:45.4.

Bauer was third in the 100 dash (11.8), Aaron Howard placed third in the shot put (38.2) and Diane Bauer placed third in the high jump, long jump and triple jump.

Hartin was third in the high jump (5-10) and Logan was 10th in the long jump (18-10 1/4), even though both were entering the event for the first time. Wolfe was third in the triple jump (39-4).

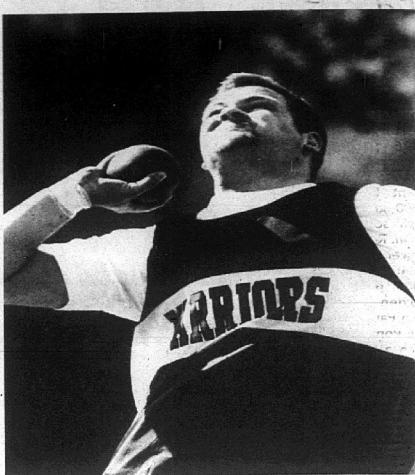
Among the girls performers were Stefanie Brandt and Nichole Done, who continued to dominate their events, while Bonnie Hill continued to surprise people in the shot put.

Bauer won the county meet title with a discus throw of 117-10, and Beth Freenstra was second at 91-11. Freenstra also gained valuable points when she placed second in the shot put with a throw of 33-3 1/2.

Done placed first in the 3,200, at 12:43, and was also third in the 1,600, at 5:57. Hill placed first in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.0, and second in the 300-meter hurdles with a mark of 52.8.

The other event to place for the Warriors was the 1,600-meter relay. The team of Amanda Ragan, Amber Murphy, Heather Mell and Holly Ryan finished with a time of 4:11.1.

Only the top three finishers in each event placed and took



Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.

Granite City senior Aaron Reeves competes in the shot put during Wednesday's Madison County Meet.

by medals.

"We were hurt by last-minute injuries with the girls' team," Briggs said. "Christina Short was just named captain of the team, and her back acts up. She has a pulled muscle in her knee. That's injuries to two of our top sprinters, so that hurt us."

"But the group made up their minds that they were going to work hard, and they performed at the level we expected."

Briggs said the boys also had plenty of personal bests Wednesday.

Both the boys and girls were extremely competitive, and ran to beat people, not just finish a race," Briggs said. "That's what we've been stressing to them the past two years."

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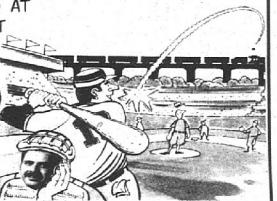
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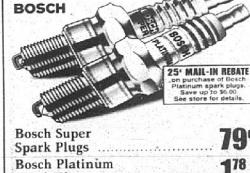
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Top: On Jan. 20, the Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 president, Joanna Spencer, left, presented the Granite City Police Department DARE program a \$500 grant for the junior high school student program. Receiving the grant is officer Darrell Mayes. **Bottom:** The Eagles Auxiliary 1126 past president and golden eagle chairman, Ann Pates, right, presented the Pontoon Beach Library with a \$500 grant to purchase large-print books and materials for the senior citizens. Receiving the grant on behalf of the library was Mary Shafer Horton.



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Altar Society planning party at Colonades

St. Ann's Altar Society's monthly meeting was held April 23. The meeting opened with prayer, followed by the secretary and treasurer reports being given and approved.

Plans were made for the June 24 party at Colonades in Granite City. The plans for the St. Ann's Feast Day were also discussed.

A warm welcome was given to a new member, Stephenie

Rudz. Those in attendance were Mary Clarke, Mrs. Pogorelc, Adele Wadish, Stephenie, Azie, Helen Bertacchi, Margaret Kulazza, Lee Krpan, Cecil Kowalczyk, Karen Bridic, Lee Lupa, Eleanor Tuth, Goldie Doreck, Giselle Gojaniak, Mary Gotian, Bea Stenitzer, Janet Werner, Sister Bernadette Meyer, Mary Ann Bunk, Vera Sikora, Laura Hopfinger, Rosalyn Stern, Betty Bulva, Rev. Jim Keefer and Mary Krajnovich.

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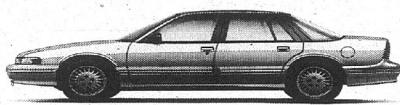
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FAMILY

Eagles 1126 state officers' weekend May 3-5

The Eagles Auxiliary 1126 held its second meeting of April with Joann Spencer presiding. There were 32 members in attendance. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Spencer announced that the Mother's Day dinner will be held at 6 p.m. May 14 at the Eagles Hall, 2558 Madison Ave. in Granite City. The Aerie will prepare and serve the meal.

The regular meeting will follow the Mother's Day dinner. The draping of the charter will be held for Betty Bladick a longtime member who passed away April 2. Iris McDermit, past grand madam president, was here at the time and participated in the memorial service, performed by the auxiliary at Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers. Nominations were taken from the floor. The slate of officers consisted of: Spencer, junior past president; Spencer, junior president; Mildred Boyd, vice president; Mildred Boyd, chaplain; Nina Jackson, chaplain; Helen Mihu, conductor; La Verne Matzynski, inside

guard; and Martha Simpson, three-year trustee.

A election will be held at 7 p.m. May 14 to select the outside guard officer. Mary Church and Sherri Wilson have been nominated.

The auxiliary will hold a joint installation of officers at 2 p.m. June 1 at the Eagles Hall.

Mildred Boyd, visiting chairman, reported that she sent a sympathy card to Dianna Garrison, past state president, who recently lost her daughter, Sheila, to leukemia. Carol Allen sent a sympathy card to Sherri Wilson, who recently had surgery and is recovering nicely. Lorraine Parkinson and others who are ill or have been hospitalized were also remembered.

Nina Jackson has been approved as a bingo captain. She will replace Ederle, who will remain as bingo chairman. Ruth Jorgenson will remain as Co-chairman.

Oquawka Auxiliary has invited

all auxiliary members to attend the state officers' weekend May 3-5. The auxiliary will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday. A

luau will be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday followed by a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Correspondence from the Granite City Fire Department was read. They thanked the auxiliary for their donation last year that helped many children learn about fire safety.

The auxiliary will send another donation of \$200 this year to the program.

Spencer gave her report on the Southern Zone Conference she attended in Carbondale recently. Iris McDermit was the guest speaker at the conference. There were 32 auxiliary members in attendance. There were 61 Aerie members present. Of 70 auxiliaries, 30 were represented.

Delegates to the convention were named as follows: Mildred Boyd, Vera Johnson, Millie Weatherford, Eveleen Espey, Hilda Mihu, Vincen Verlan and Ruth Jorgenson. Sue Allen and Joanna Spencer are automatic delegates.

Billie Schuler announced that the park district will hold a meeting in room two of the Brown Recreation Center on April 30. Anyone interested can attend at 7 p.m.

The auxiliary will host a breakfast on May 5. Vera Johnson, bingo captain, requested world's best for bingo breakfast.

Others in attendance at the meeting were Dorothy Landreid, Betty Taylor, Fly Stokes, Del DePoney, Sherri Wilson, Carol Miller, Linda Luder, Ann Patek, Katie Kostoff, Rose Piechocinski, Hilda Melton, Cathy Dehm, Vicki Wallace, Carol Miller, Barbara Modrue, Carol Miller, Liz Moore, Barbara Ramsey and Florence "Fuzz" Hagnauer.

The next meeting will be held May 14 with Katie Kostoff as hostess. All are welcome to attend. Anyone needing a ride or more information should call Spencer at 451-2716.

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2 attend state Navy Mothers meeting

Mary E. Korcsog, Illinois state commander of the Navy Mothers Club, and Edna Miller, Illinois state adjutant, attended the Illinois State Board meeting in Mendota.

The meeting was called to order by Korcsog. The Illinois state officers gave the Pledge of Allegiance and the Navy Mothers' Pledge.

Betty Sherman of Danville, Illinois state chaplain, gave the opening prayer. Miller read the minutes of the previous board meeting, which were approved as read. Ruth Roth of Ottawa, Illinois state finance officer, gave her report, which was referred for audit.

Korcsog was elected as the state delegate to the national Navy Mothers' Club convention, to be held in St. Louis. Neva Pettit of Mendota was elected as the alternate delegate.

Miller, chairwoman of the Illinois state convention to be held in September of 1997, gave a report on what information has been obtained so far and asked for feedback pertaining to the upcoming convention.

A discussion was held on what actions should be taken by Korcsog on several referendums that will be presented at the St. Louis convention, as well as the blue theme of the parade of states there.

No further business was discussed.

Sherman offered the closing prayer. All present gave the Navy Mothers' Pledge.

The meeting was adjourned. The group will meet again in September.

Immediately after the board meeting, the Illinois state officers joined the past commanders from various Navy Mothers' Clubs for a luncheon and meeting. The meeting was presided over by Neva Pettit of Mendota. An opening prayer was offered by Nina George. Minutes of the previous meeting of the past commanders' clubs was read. Francis E. of Mendota. They were approved as read. He, the finance officer, Ruth Roth, gave her report, which was filed as audit.

The commander asked Korcsog if she had anything she wished to say. Korcsog then asked for a show of hands of those planning to attend the national convention in St. Louis.

Following the meeting, plans were completed for the parade states, to be held at the con-

School group elects officers

The Granite City Association of Educational Office Personnel held its April meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant in Godfrey.

Those attending were Melanie McFarland, Louise Moad, Kristen Hamilton, George P. Miller, and Ohanesian Barb Bilebrey, Dorothy Larner, Vicki Simpson, Sharon Parker, Barb Dickerson, Arlene Smith, Zora Mitchell, Bertie Smith, Barbara Grote, Berta Milianis and Nancy Rosales.

The meeting was called to order by Moad, who presided over the business session.

Officers for the 1996-97 year were elected. They are Barb Bilebrey, president; McFarland, vice president and president-elect; Kristen Hamilton, secretary; Vicki Simpson, treasurer; and Schreiber, treasurer.

The May meeting will be held at Jerry's Caterers with new officers installed.

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vention. George offered the closing prayer and the Navy Mothers' Pledge.

A drawing was held with Korcsog receiving a potpourri

doll. A silent auction concluded the day.

Those attending were Korcsog, Miller, George and Marianne Lipscomb, all of Granite City.

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